

Docker: how to "package" your development environment

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Quick survey

- How many people have heard about Docker before this dbCafé?
- How many people have tried Docker?
- How many people are using it ~~every day~~ very often?

Part 1

Introduction to Docker

LXC (Linux Containers)

«**LXC (Linux Containers)** is an [operating-system-level virtualization](#) environment for running multiple isolated [Linux](#) systems (containers) on a single Linux control host.»

(source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LXC>)

- From inside, it looks like a VM
- From outside it looks like normal processes
- “*chroot on steroids*”

(source Jérôme Petazzoni, DevOps at dotCloud, <http://bit.ly/1fIGjit>)

cgroups and namespaces

«**cgroups** (abbreviated from **control groups**) is a [Linux kernel](#) feature that limits, accounts for and isolates the [resource usage](#) of a collection of [processes](#).»

(source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cgroups>)

Resources:

- CPU
- memory
- disk I/O
- network
- etc.

aufs

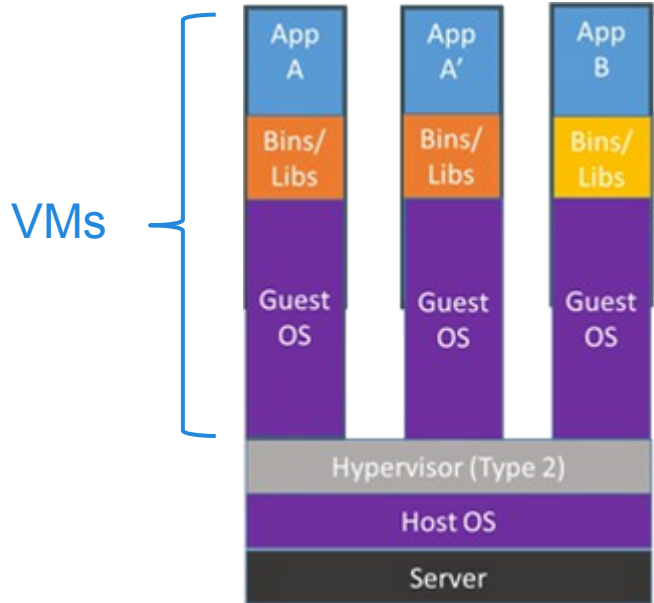
«**aufs** (short for **advanced multi layered unification filesystem**) implements a [union mount](#) for [Linux file systems](#).»

(source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aufs>)

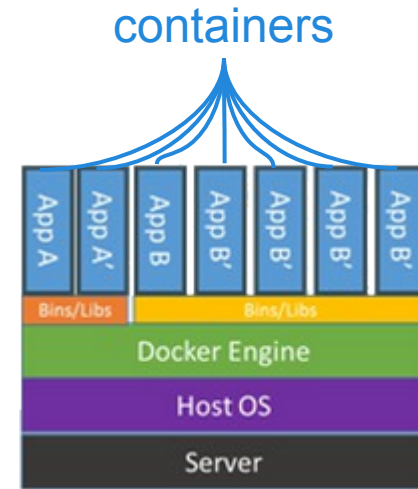
Union mount allow several directory to be mounted at the same mount point, appearing to be a single file system. Aufs supports copy-on-write.

Virtualization vs Containers

Virtualization



Container



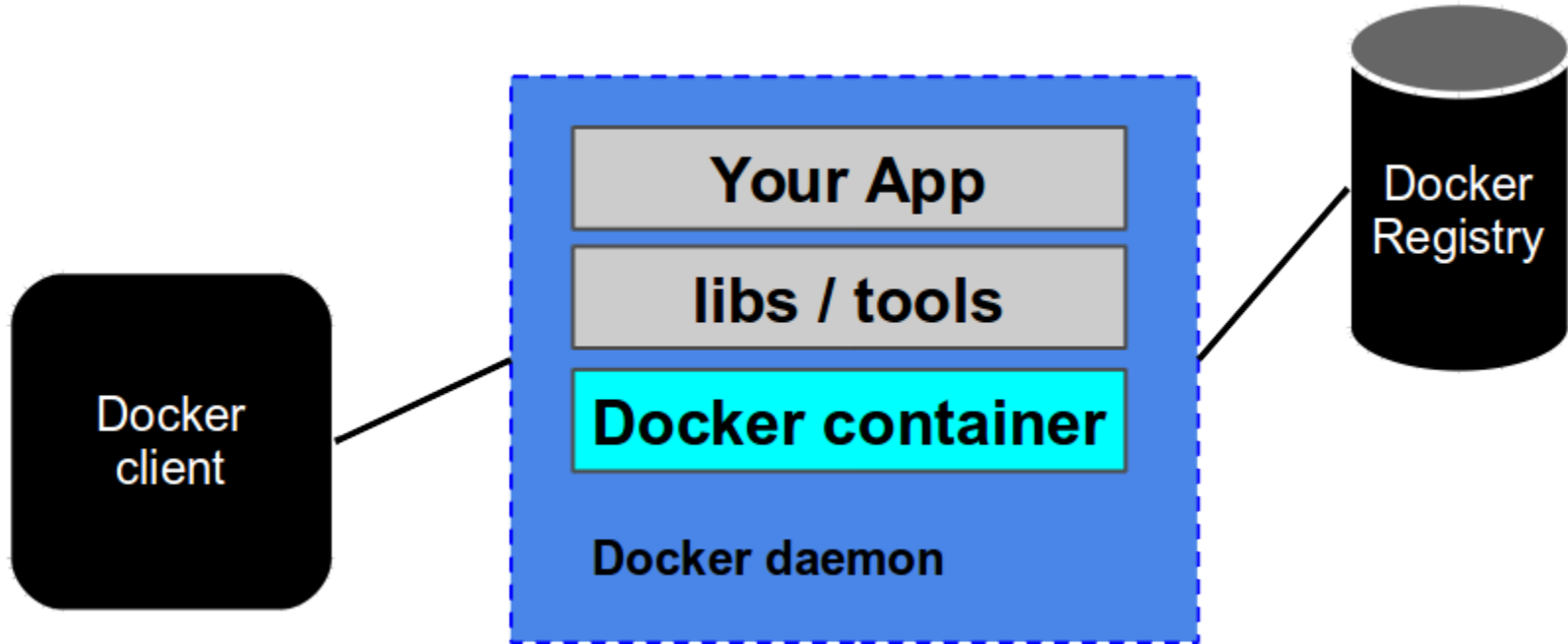
Why Containers?

- **Speed:** boots in seconds
- **Resource/memory footprint:** 100-1000 containers can run on a single machine

What is Docker? (I)

«**Docker** is an [open-source](#) project that automates the deployment of [applications](#) inside [software containers](#), by providing an additional layer of abstraction and automation of [operating-system-level virtualization](#) on [Linux](#)»
(source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Docker_\(software\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Docker_(software)))

What is Docker? (II)



What is Docker? (III)

Huge success:

- project started by dotCloud in January 2013
- Open sourced in March 2013
- Written in Go
- (as of July 2015) on GitHub 990+ contributors, 14000+ PR, 16500+ commits

Dockerfile (I)

```
1 FROM java:7-jre
2
3 ENV CATALINA_HOME /usr/local/tomcat
4 ENV PATH $CATALINA_HOME/bin:$PATH
5 RUN mkdir -p "$CATALINA_HOME"
6 WORKDIR $CATALINA_HOME
7
```

Dockerfile (II)

```
8 # see https://www.apache.org/dist/tomcat/tomcat-8/KEYS
9 RUN gpg --keyserver pool.sks-keyserver.net --recv-keys \
10 05AB33110949707C93A279E3D3EFE6B686867BA6 \
11 07E48665A34DCAF522E5E6266191C37C037D42 \
12 ...
13
14 ENV TOMCAT_MAJOR 6
15 ENV TOMCAT_VERSION 6.0.44
16 ENV TOMCAT_TGZ_URL https://www.apache.org/dist/tomcat/
17 tomcat-$TOMCAT_MAJOR/v$TOMCAT_VERSION/bin/
18 apache-tomcat-$TOMCAT_VERSION.tar.gz
```

Dockerfile (III)

```
19
20 RUN set -x \  
21     && curl -fSL "$TOMCAT_TGZ_URL" -o tomcat.tar.gz \  
22     && curl -fSL "$TOMCAT_TGZ_URL.asc" -o tomcat.tar.gz.asc \  
23     && gpg --verify tomcat.tar.gz.asc \  
24     && tar -xvf tomcat.tar.gz --strip-components=1 \  
25     && rm bin/*.bat \  
26     && rm tomcat.tar.gz*
27
28 EXPOSE 8080
29 CMD ["catalina.sh", "run"]
```

DockerHub

- Docker Hub: public and private registry
- Docker registry: local registry (can be also remote or a company registry)
- Docker Trusted Registry: service provided by Docker, Inc.

Part 2

Docker hands-on

Install Docker

- **Ubuntu:**

```
$ wget -qO- https://get.docker.com/ | sh
```

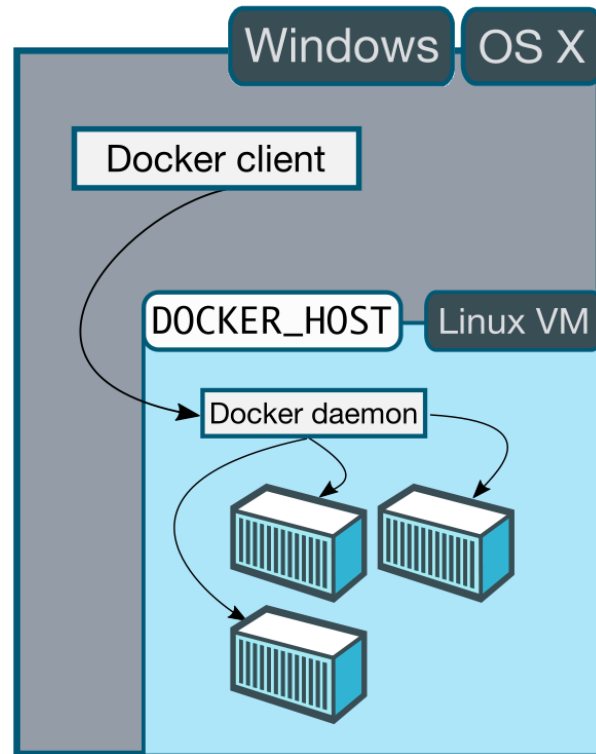
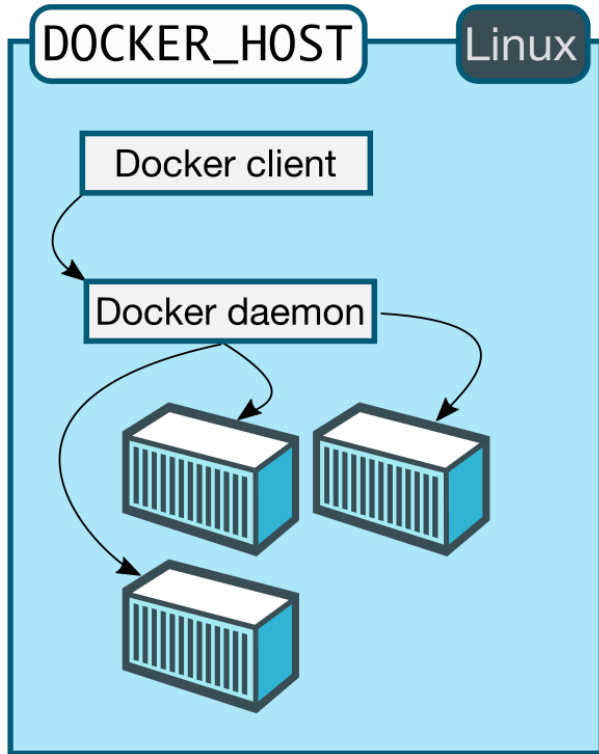
(version >= 14.04 for previous version see the prerequisites at: <https://docs.docker.com/installation/ubuntu/linux/>)

```
($ sudo usermod -aG docker ubuntu)
```

(also packaged: \$ sudo apt-get install docker.io)

- **Mac OS X: Boot2Docker (CLI) o Kitematic (GUI)**
- **Windows: Boot2Docker (CLI)**

Docker on Linux and Mac/Win



Docker client commands (I)

`docker <subcommand>`

- `pull NAME[:TAG]`

downloads the `NAME[:TAG]` from DockerHub

- `run IMAGE [COMMAND]`

launches a container with the `IMAGE` and execute `COMMAND`

- `build PATH | URL | -`

builds a new image from the Dockerfile in `PATH`

Docker client commands (II)

- `ps [-a]`

list running containers, with `-a` list all containers

- `images`

list images that are available locally

- `rm`

remove a container

- `rmi`

remove an image (you can not remove images you are using)

Let's try: hello world (II)

```
docker ps -a  
docker images  
docker rm ...  
docker rmi ...
```

(<https://asciinema.org/a/b7j71yim7dewcka2w421s0398>)

Something more: launch `bash` on Ubuntu

```
docker run -t -i ubuntu:latest  
/bin/bash
```

(<https://asciinema.org/a/5v36v9rxpvp4ywhqb4gk0bis5>)

```
docker ps
```

(<https://asciinema.org/a/333daetaiq7doh6cglbh8t3c8>)

docker run options (I)

- `-p` `<container_port>:<host_port>`

Links the port `<container_port>` to `<host_port>`

- `-t`

Allocates a pseudo-tty

- `-i`

keep `STDIN` open even if it is not attach to the terminal in use

docker run options (II)

- `--rm`

Automatically removes the container when it is terminated

- `-V <local_dir>:<container_dir>`

Mounts a local dir in the specified container dir (e. g. `$PWD:/mnt`)

Conclusions

- Docker uses *Linux Container* (LXC) to automate the deploy process
- Containers provide development environment that can be standardized completely (no “*works on my machine*” anymore)
- We want to deploy with the same ease both on the developer/researcher laptop and in production
- Docker is heavily developed and things are moving fast

Coming soon...

- How to write a Dockerfile: `Dockerfile` commands
- How to build a Docker image
- How to package a simple web application
- How to build a multi-container app
- Orchestration and much more...

Thank you!